

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 8, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: **Councilor Valentine**

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on March 31, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending April 7, 2010 in the amount of \$ 248,022.66 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of April 1 – April 7, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 21 – April 6, 2010

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 542,650.52 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

Pascal Spronk representing the Chattering Chipmunks 4-H Club spoke about their “Adopt a spot” request to plant 14 trees around the City of Plattsburgh.

Kyle Shutts 5052 South Catherine Street spoke about his request for a leave of absence from his position as laborer in Public Works. He wanted to remind the Council that it is not going to cost the City a dime in fact it will save the City money and it is going to be a great learning experience for him.

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to acquire title to the specific properties listed in order to collect delinquent property taxes through public auction.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion:

Councilor Calnon wants to move to table this. He has spoken to the Police Chief and he spoke to the City Chamberlain. He thinks there are issues they need to discuss some in open session and some not regarding the use of the properties if they do acquire them and some of the options available to them. Certainly auction is one of the possibilities. Also, not every property owner has responded to the notice that their property is being foreclosed upon. He happens to know one of them individually who didn't respond to speak to him before they vote to see if there is any hope. He toured all of the properties and his at least was maintained and very nicely you could see that he had been working and had trash in a wheel barrel, etc.

Mayor Kasprzak stated he had toured most if not all as well and had some concerns thanked **Councilor Calnon**.

Councilor Carpenter said this is a difficult thing to do. Anything we can do to rectify it so we don't have to take that step he is with **Councilor Calnon** and agrees they should table it.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Tabled

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Kyle Shutts, Laborer Public Works a 6 month leave of absence for educational reasons.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon and Jackson voted in the negative. Councilor Kelly voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Community Development Office to advertise for bids for the 2009 Housing Rehabilitation Program “housing rehab” for 2 projects.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration “Request from the Adopt-A-Spot Program to grant the Chattering Chipmunks 4-H Club permission to plant 14 trees in the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Adopt-A-Spot Program to grant the Chattering Chipmunks 4-H Club permission to plant 14 trees in the City of Plattsburgh.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Motion to amend resolution to “In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Adopt-A-Spot Program to grant the Chattering Chipmunks 4-H Club permission to plant

14 trees in the City of Plattsburgh with specific locations approved by Engineering, MLD and Public Works departments.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion:

Councilor Kelly wanted to say he is proud of these young people who want to do this and wishes more civic organizations would do the same and he is extremely happy that two of these trees are going in his next door neighbor's yard.

Mayor Kasprzak stated they all truly appreciate their interest and all of them being here this evening and the fact they are helping out the City of Plattsburgh is a wonderful thing as **Councilor Kelly** had mentioned and we wish more folks would do the same and thanked them very much.

Councilor Calnon when he was in his early 20's he had to come and speak before the Common Council and he was really nervous and he congratulated **Pascal Spronk** on doing a fine job.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from John E. Clute Esq. to attend NYCOM Main Street meeting on 4/15/2010 in Utica, NY at a cost of \$165, plus mileage and meal reimbursement.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves John E. Clute Esq. to attend NYCOM Main Street meeting on 4/15/2010 in Utica, NY at a cost of \$165, plus mileage and meal reimbursement.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to award GoTToGo Electric, Inc. Bid No. 2010-3-1 "Electric Meters Revenue Type" in the amount of \$67,880 the cost of these meters will be reimbursed through the IEEP program.

2. Request from Keith Herkalo, City Clerk to grant a license for operation of the Information Booth to Maria and Michael Smith dba "Ice-n-Crafts" for the May-September seasons at a fee of \$1500.
3. Request from Center for Women's Concerns, 101 Broad Street to have a "Take Back the Night" Event and March on April 30th from 6 pm to 9:30 pm.
4. Request from John E Clute Esq that the Mayor is authorized to grant and renew Outdoor Table Licenses which give the Licensee(s) the right to use part of the city sidewalk adjacent to their premises to serve food and beverages on the terms set forth in the City's standard Outdoor Table License (last revised 3/30/10).

Councilor Carpenter asked **Corporation Counsel John Clute** if this means they won't vote on those in the future. **Corporation Counsel John Clute** he has been told by the people in Community Development Office that for the Outdoor Table Licenses that were just on the sidewalk they were "doing that administratively." When they get in to situations where people are using City parking spaces like Irises that has always come to you and the way this is written this doesn't include parking spaces and City streets. He thought that was something they would want to deal with instead of delegating it. You never know who is going to request it where and it can impact adjacent businesses we haven't had any complaints yet. He feels it is a good idea to have the parking spaces request on the agenda.

5. Request from Kevin Farrington, City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract #2010-07 "Ready Mix Concrete."
6. Request from Kevin Farrington, City Engineer to award Steven Fuller Excavation, Contract #2010-06 "Elm Street Improvements" for the lump sum price of \$353,353.00 to be funded by capital projects H8320.66, H5110.28 and reimbursable by CDBG Grant.
7. Request from the Adopt-A-Spot Program to grant the Chattering Chipmunks 4-H Club permission to plant 14 trees in the City of Plattsburgh. **(Move to agenda under "Other Items" Letter D)**
8. Request from John E. Clute Esq. that the Mayor is authorized to sign a License Agreement with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary authorizing the use of the storage building, beach and a docking area at the former PAFB marina. A copy of the License Agreement is made a part of the minutes of this meeting.
9. Request from the Community Development Office that the Common Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the 2010 CDBG Grant Application along with all required certifications.
10. Request from Fire Chief Paul Williams that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Medical Director Contract with Dr. Jonathan Beach.

11. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF MLD MANAGER TO WILLIAM TREACY EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2010. (Move to agenda under "New Business)
12. Request from Mayor Donald M. Kasprzak to attend the Annual NYCOM Meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York from May 16–18, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1000.
13. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for two officers to attend the "New York Tactical Training Conference and Expo" in Verona, NY from April 26 – 29, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,347.98 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.
14. Request from John E. Clute Esq. to attend NYCOM Main Street meeting on 4/15/2010 in Utica, NY at a cost of \$165, plus mileage and meal reimbursement. (Move to agenda under "Travel Requests Letter A)
Councilor Kelly suggested we move this due to the date.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Carpenter just wanted to remind everyone he won't be here next week.

Councilor Jackson wanted to remind the Council that Sunday, April 11th the City Campus Coalition is having a "Walk and Knock" in the center city which is the educational program they organize each spring. 12:45 until 2 pm. Fire Chief is volunteering his time and Mayor will try to go and there will be Police representative too.

Mayor Kasprzak announces Public Hearing on Thursday, April 15 at 5 pm in the Council Chambers. The City will describe the proposed community development activities to be included in the 2010 CDBG application.

MAYOR KASPRZAK HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF MLD MANAGER TO WILLIAM TREACY EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2010.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson
 (All voted in the affirmative)

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Meghan Trim 204 Margaret Street and representing Center for Women's Concerns "Take Back the Night" march on April 30th from 6 to 9:30 pm.

Councilor Jackson asked if the march was going to be contained on the sidewalks or in the street.

Meghan Trim stated they were asking for approval to march in the street and they have spoken to Lt. Beebie of the Police Department.

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:50 pm